

**CONTRIBUTION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT—EXPENDITURE
ON DEPRESSED CLASSES—ACCOUNTS FOR 1115**

52. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): Will Government be pleased to give a detailed statement of accounts showing how, where and when was the sum of Rs. 2,500 set apart for the Uplift of the Depressed Classes from the Special Contribution for Rural Development, utilised in 1115?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): A detailed statement of accounts is appended (*Appendix II*).

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): May I know, Sir, whether the paddy husking industry in Mathaipuram colony is being conducted now?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): It will be very difficult for me to answer such questions, because there are a number of societies, and to say whether certain things are taking place or not it is very difficult. It must be presumed that these things are taking place. If any specific question regarding any specific locality is put, I will ask for notice. There is no use of saying "yes" or "no" unless I myself know.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): A sum of Rs. 300 is allowed for paddy husking industry in 1115 in one colony. For that industry there is no necessity for a big capital expenditure and Rs. 300 is being allotted for that. We want to know whether that amount has been utilised for that industry.

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): May I know, Sir, whether Government have received any complaint regarding the maladministration of these funds?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): No.

**UPLIFT DEPARTMENT—EXPENDITURE ON
GARDENING TOOLS**

53. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any amount was allotted in the Budget estimate for 1115 from the Special Contribution for Rural reconstruction for "Gardening tools" in the "Uplift Department";

(b) if answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what sum was set apart for this item ;

- (c) whether the sum was utilised for purchase of "Gardening tools"
- (d) if answer to (c) is in the affirmative, what sum was spent for that ;
- (e) the varieties of tools purchased ;
- (f) to whom were these tools entrusted after purchase and for what purpose ;
- (g) whether there is any stock register maintained of these tools anywhere ;
- (h) if answer to (g) is in the affirmative, whether the Protector of the Depressed Classes has checked the stock register at any time ; if so, when ; if the answer is in the negative, why is a register not maintained ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*) :

- (a) Nil.
- (b) Answer not necessary.
- (c) Do.
- (d) Do.
- (e) Do.
- (f) Do.
- (g) Do.
- (h) Do.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*) : In the budget for 1115, I see that a sum of Rs. 200 has been allotted for gardening tools. In the printed budget estimate a sum of Rs. 200 has been set apart for gardening tools. I do not know why it is stated here that no amount has been set apart for this purpose.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*) : The question is from the "special contribution".

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*) : Yes. It is from the special contribution. I give the figures from the programme of special contribution.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*) : I believe, these things might have been supplied by the Agricultural Department.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*) : It is the special contribution—Uplift of the Depressed Classes.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*) : But they all worked together; and they might have adjusted the amount. For example, the Rural Reconstruction Centre is also in the Depressed Classes Department. They might have adjusted the amount. All

these 3 officers jointly work out this thing. That is a possibility. That is all I would say.

**UPLIFT DEPARTMENT—EXPENDITURE ON LIBRARY,
NIGHT SCHOOLS, GAMES, ETC.**

54. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether any amount was set apart for the Department for the Uplift of the Depressed Classes from the Special Contribution for Rural Development in 1115 for "Library, Reading Room, Night Schools, Games etc., in the colony centres";
- (b) if so, what was the amount allotted;
- (c) whether any Library, Reading Room, Night School, or Games Club was started in 1115 in any of the colonies;
- (d) how was the amount spent (detailed accounts may be given);
- (e) the colonies which derived benefit out of the amenities provided by this allotment;
- (f) whether any Library or Reading Room or Night School started in 1115 is being run at present?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

- (a) No.
- (b) Answer not necessary.
- (c) Do.
- (d) Do.
- (e) Do.
- (f) Do.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): As in the same case which I referred to when answering the other question, a sum of Rs. 350 has been allotted for Library, Reading Room, Night Schools, Games, etc., in the colony centres, and here it is stated that there was no amount set apart for that purpose. How that amount was utilised and whether any game centres, etc., were started in colonies may be given.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): 1115 budget? Is it not?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Yes, in 1115 budget.